

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Rachna Singh
KITAHIRO KANEDA ET AL.)	
	:	Art Unit: 2176
Appln. No.: 10/748,208)	
	:	Conf. No.: 6674
Filed: December 31, 2003)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,)	
DEVICE AND STORAGE	:	
MEDIUM THEREFOR)	July 20, 2007

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Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination being filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner amend the above-identified application as follows. The amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing that begins on page 2, and the Remarks begin on page 11.